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WHAT: Media availability for three members of the Milwaukee Police Department's Horse Patrol

WHEN: 6 p.m., June 15, 2006 - TONIGHT

WHERE: Corner of Jefferson Street and Kilbourn Avenue. Members of the media may park in the restricted area on Kilbourn Avenue. The officers will be patrolling Jazz in the Park on horseback.

DETAILS: The Milwaukee Police Department has had a horse patrol since 1999. There are 7 full-time horses that focus on special patrol missions to address quality-of-life issues in the community.

They provide crowd control, festival patrol, as well as enforce the most frequently mentioned crime issues raised at community meetings including public drinking, loitering and panhandling. The unit averages 150 arrests per month and their efforts are concentrated in the areas of Marquette University, the Downtown area, Mitchell Park and National Avenue. The horses also provide one way for Police Officers to be more approachable without the barrier of a squad car.

Their unique vista atop the horses allows Police Officers to thwart crimes in progress. The officers will be available to share some of their personal experiences and stories this evening.

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